

### **REMARKS**

Claims 1-4, all the claims pending in the application, stand rejected. Claim 1 has been amended.

#### ***Specification***

The Examiner objects to the Title because it is not considered to be descriptive. The Examiner requires a new Title. The Title has been changed to FLOW RATE SENSOR HAVING A HOLDER SUPPORTED AS A CANTILEVER..

#### ***Double Patenting***

Claims 1-4 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-14 of U.S. Patent No. 6,679,113 (the '113 Patent). This rejection is traversed on the basis of the Terminal Disclaimer filed with this Amendment.

In addition, Applicant notes that the '113 Patent claims the feature that a bottom surface of a peripheral wall member is secured by bonding to a detector auxiliary portion and a flow rate detecting element by an elastic adhesive to prevent a sealant injected inside the peripheral wall member from leaking out and adhering to the flow rate detecting element. On the other hand, the present application claims the feature that a holder is supported as a cantilever in an external structural member to prevent vibration of a free end of the external structural member from propagating directly to a free end of the holder. As described above, because the problems and means of the present application differ from that of the '113 Patent, the present application is not obvious from the '113 Patent.

#### ***Miscellaneous Amendments***

Finally, Applicants note that a word appears to be missing from claim 1. Applicants have amended claim 1 accordingly.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111  
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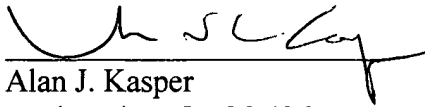
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